

TREASURY'S GOLD PAID TO BERGDOLL

\$60,000 Obtained After Evader Is Fugitive.

MOTHER AND AIDE COLLECT

\$105,000 Received in All, House Probe Reveals.

ONE CHAPTER MYSTERY

What Became of Treasure Not Brought Out—Colonel Testifies on Granting Leave.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The fact was established today through W. L. Alexander, a clerk in the treasury department, by the house committee investigating the escape of Grover Bergdoll, that the latter's mother and a friend obtained \$105,000 in gold from the treasury in 1919. But from the trail was not uncovered the buried pot in the mountains of Maryland.

James Romig, awaiting sentence on conviction of conspiracy to aid Bergdoll, was the agent, Alexander said, through whom \$45,000, the first batch of gold, was obtained. On his second trip Romig was accompanied by Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, also awaiting sentence for conspiracy, and they left with \$60,000 in gold.

Clerks Found Unwilling.

When he made his first visit Romig found clerks unwilling to turn over even \$20,000 on their own responsibility, and Alexander said, he fumed and fretted about the corridors until his application was laid before R. C. Leftridge, then an assistant secretary, and approved.

This amount was given for gold certificates, but once it was placed in an automobile, Romig went back for more. There was some delay, in the end Romig got it.

There was no embargo at that time on the withdrawal of government gold, but the policy of the department, as explained by Alexander, was to keep it in the vault by placing diplomatic obstacles in the way.

Another Trip Is Made.

Three weeks later Romig returned with Mrs. Bergdoll. It was brought out that at the moment the woman at the treasury posters were displayed offering a reward for Bergdoll.

Romig pushed a bundle of bills through the window, and after some delay, Alexander said, and with the approval of the treasurer, left with more gold than a stevedore could lift—\$40,000.

What became of the treasure was not brought out today.

The gold chapter was related after Major-General Harris, chief of staff, had given his views on getting Bergdoll back from Germany to serve his five-year sentence, and had declared that diplomatic moves were under way to get him.

Bergdoll "Bad Specimen."

Bergdoll was described as a "bad specimen of desertion" by the general, who declared that he would not have apologized had Americans kidnapped him on German soil.

Other witnesses were Edward S. Bailey, law partner of Samuel T. Ansell, ex-acting judge advocate-general of the army and counsel for Bergdoll, and Colonel J. A. Penn, assistant to Major-General Harris, adjutant-general of the army.

Colonel Penn declared he had suggested to the commandant of the disciplinary barracks at Governors Island that a commissioned officer be placed in charge of the guard accompanying Bergdoll and that the suggestion "practically amounted to an order."

March Relates Incident.

When Ansell applied to General Harris for authority to permit Bergdoll to make the search, Colonel Penn said the adjutant-general said it was a reasonable request by a responsible lawyer.

General Harris declared that when General Harris brought up the Ansell request, he only glanced at it and that it was approved by the latter, who had full authority.

Mr. Bailey reiterated that ex-Judge John W. Wescott of New Jersey was associate counsel in the Bergdoll case, notwithstanding the judge's denial that his name had been mentioned in letters to Major-General Harris and that it was again mentioned in a statement given to the press by Ansell and Bailey a few days after the prisoner had escaped.

Reverting to Judge Wescott's testimony that he knew nothing about the pot-of-gold story prior to the escape, John H. Sherburne, counsel for the committee, asked:

"Was the gold mentioned at the conference with Judge Wescott at which plans were discussed for the release to hunt it?"

"Way, absolutely," Mr. Bailey replied. "There was no question about it. Judge Wescott was there all the time we were talking about it."

Woman Named Postmistress.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington D. C., May 9.—Tena A. Owe has been appointed postmistress at McKee, Marion county, Oregon.

MATRONS AND MAIDS PLAN UNIQUE PARTY

SOCIETY LEADERS WILL GIVE "LADIES' CHOICE" BALL.

Friend Husband and Mr. Fiance To Be Other Women's Guests at Waverley Club Event.

For originality in planning social affairs, honors this season fall to Mrs. David Taylor Honeyman and Mrs. Josephine Andrews. To them credit is due for arranging for a festivity which promises to be not only the most brilliant but the most unique of the season.

The event, which will take place next Friday night at the Waverley Country club, will be a subscription ball, but the odd feature that is causing a sensation in society is the announcement that each of the 100 matrons and girls on the list may invite some man other than her husband—or fiancé. Just whom they shall honor with their invitations is the question that is puzzling many. And if friend husband is invited by some other woman, he, too, must go and have a good time. The invitations are being accepted quite readily, for no person wants to miss seeing who the others have invited, and so a good attendance is assured. If everyone accepts there will be 200 in attendance.

Early in January Portland society had a "husband's bench show" and now some of those very same fine husbands are being bidden to this "ladies' choice" society ball. And at all the informal afternoons from now until Friday the topic will be "Wonder who so and so will invite?"

Several dinners are to precede the ball. Among the hostesses who will entertain will be Mrs. Henry Cheney, Mrs. Antoine G. Labbe, Mrs. Bert McKay and Mrs. Grenville Vernon. It is planned to make the ball most elaborate by transforming the clubhouse into a fairyland of flowers, but all the details have not been worked out.

Mrs. Andrews is a sister of Mrs. Fred L. Warren and with Mrs. Warren gave a gorgeous oriental ball early in the winter. It was a marvelous party, attesting the cleverness and originality of the young hostess. And now comes the dance with "other men's wives" and "other women's husbands" as the perfectly understood invitation reads.

Mrs. Honeyman planned a large share of the details for the royal party for the queen of the Rose Festival last summer and always is an inspiring leader; so, with such executive heads, the approaching ball will assume a notable place on the social calendar.

SHRINERS PASS IN REVIEW

Several Thousand, Afoot and in Autos, File Past President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—President Harding today reviewed a parade of Shriners held in connection with the 18th annual convention of the National League of Masonic clubs.

Several thousand Shriners filed past the executive offices in automobiles and on foot. Two cars collided opposite the president but there were no casualties.

The president declined the invitation shouted at him to "come on and join up," but he gave the grand salutation in answer to that extended to him. A Shiner seated on a camel almost lost his perch with laughing over "A-t-a boy, Mr. President."

JAZZ HELD EVIL SPIRIT

Hysteria Expressed and Idleness Incited by Wild Music, Is View.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Jazz is the evil spirit of music, Dr. F. E. Morton told the music trades convention, which opened today. "Jazz," he said, "expresses hysteria and incites to idleness, revelry, dissipation, destruction, discord and chaos."

Pleading for the suppression of jazz music and a return to "Home Sweet Home," he declared that with home swallowed up in the cabaret, the great stabilizing center of society is lost.

Crown authorities indicated they might drop for the present the charge that Doughty, Small's secretary, had conspired to kidnap him.

DOUGHTY GETS SIX YEARS

Charge of Conspiracy to Kidnap Small May Be Dropped.

TORONTO, Ont., May 9.—John Doughty, convicted of stealing \$105,000 in victory bonds from Ambrose Small, missing theatrical man, today was sentenced to six years in the provincial penitentiary.

Crown authorities indicated they might drop for the present the charge that Doughty, Small's secretary, had conspired to kidnap him.

U. S. DIVERS COMING WEST

Nine Navy Submarines Leave Norfolk for San Pedro.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—Nine navy submarines of the R class will leave Norfolk navy-yard for San Pedro tomorrow to join the Pacific fleet.

Advices to that effect were received here today.

LEAGUE MEETING CALLED

Next Session of Assembly to Be Held September 5.

GENEVA, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The assembly of the league of nations will hold its next meeting September 5 in Geneva.

President Da Cunha of the league's council today issued the call for this session.

BERLIN EXPECTED TO ACCEPT TERMS

Majority Socialists and Clericals Vote Yes.

REICHSTAG ACTION IS LIKELY

Parliamentary Coalition in Process of Formation.

NEW CABINET IS WANTED

Paul Loebe to Be Commissioned by President Ebert With Organizing New Body.

BERLIN, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Late tonight the party leaders admitted that there would be available Tuesday in the reichstag a safe majority in favor of accepting the allied ultimatum on reparations.

The majority socialists and clericals in party conferences today voted in favor of accepting the ultimatum of the allies. The German people's party, by a vote of 59 to 5, rejected the proposition. The democrats were in session at midnight.

As the independent socialists have favored yielding to the allies, it was believed there will be sufficient majority in the reichstag for acceptance of the ultimatum.

Paul Loebe of the majority socialists and president of the reichstag will be commissioned by President Ebert with the task of forming a new cabinet.

Sentiment in German political circles at noon began showing a drift in favor of agreeing to the reparations terms. It was believed a parliamentary coalition, which will accept the allied ultimatum, would be constituted within the next 24 hours.

A dispatch to the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung from Muehlheim today said French troops from Geldorf had crossed the Ruhr last night and had taken various points in Muehlheim, including the national bank.

WALLACE SITS WITH ALLIES

American Representation at Conference Is Resumed.

PARIS, May 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—American representation at allied conferences was resumed today when Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador, took his seat at the session of the council of ambassadors here.

Mr. Wallace received his instructions last night from Secretary of State Hughes to represent the United States government at the ambassadorial conference.

The American ambassador was warmly welcomed at the foreign office where the council happened to be (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

HAITIEN ATROCITIES ALL ROT, SAYS DENBY

PROBE DECLARED WELCOMED BY NAVY DEPARTMENT.

"I'm Sick of Having This Thing Recur," "I've Served and Recur," "Is Declaration."

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Secretary Denby, characterizing as "rot" the story made by three Haitian delegates in a memorial to the White house, state department and congress protesting against American occupation of Haiti, declared today that the navy department welcomed any investigation congress cared to make of conditions in that republic.

"It is the same old rot," Mr. Denby declared, "and I am sick of having this thing recur, to be disproved and recur again."

The memorial presented by other delegates representing the Patriotic Union of Haiti demanded withdrawal of United States forces and charged atrocities by American marines and native gendarmes in Haiti. The naval investigation in the republic conducted by a board under Rear-Admiral Mayo was characterized as a "joke."

The naval secretary said that the conduct of the marines had been above reproach.

Naval investigation had rendered the same verdict on several occasions as the Mayo board, he added.

"The marine corps did a splendid work there as humanely as it was possible to do it," he said, "and the naval establishment has functioned in Haiti in a manner seldom equaled by military occupation."

When he visited Haiti recently he saw evidence, he said, to convince him that the continued presence of American marines was desirable.

MURDER SUSPECT SLAIN

Chief of Police Shoots Prisoner After Attack in Jail.

PITTSBURGH, Cal., May 9.—Francisco Rios, section hand employed by the Southern Pacific company, arrested here today as a suspect in a murder case at Susanville, Placer county, was shot and killed in the city jail by Joan Williamson, chief of police.

Rios was taken into custody by Chief Williamson at the Southern Pacific station. At the jail he was searched, but managed to conceal a revolver and a cartridge belt. As Chief Williamson was looking Rios in a cell, he said, the prisoner fired one shot at him. The bullet went through his chest.

Chief Williamson then shot Rios six times, once through the heart.

PRIMARY CONTROL SOUGHT

Johnson Resolution Gives Congress Authority in States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Senator Johnson, republican, California, introduced today a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to give congress authority to regulate state primaries. It is designed to meet the situation arising from the decision of the supreme court in the Newberry case that congress was without power to regulate primaries.

Senator Newberry returned today to his seat in the senate.

EDISON'S QUESTIONS STUMP COLLEGE MEN

GRADUATES AMAZINGLY IGNORANT, SAYS WIZARD.

160 Problems Put Up to Applicants for Places in Plant and Few Pass Test.

NEW YORK, May 9.—(Special.)—Here are some of the 160 questions submitted by Thomas A. Edison to college graduates seeking employment in his plant, the answers to which prompted him to remark: "College men are amazingly ignorant. They don't seem to know anything."

"Where do we get shellac from?" "What is a monsoon?" "Where do we get prunes?" "Where do we get domestic sardines?"

"Where do we import cork from?" "Of what kind of wood are ax handles made?" "Who wrote Home, Sweet Home?" "Where are condors to be found?" "Who was Cleopatra?" "What voltage is used in street cars?"

"What is felt?" "What states produce phosphate?" "Why is cast iron called pig iron?" "Who was Francis Marion?" "Who invented logarithms?"

"What ingredients are in the best white paint?" "Where do we get benzol from?" "How is window glass made?" "Bound the state of West Virginia." These are selected from a list of 141 questions submitted by a young man subscribing himself as one of the "amazingly ignorant" applicants for a position in the plant of the wizard at Menlo Park.

The list was shown today to W. H. Meadowcroft, assistant to Mr. Edison. Asked if they comprised a part of the questionnaire submitted to applicants for positions in the plant, Mr. Meadowcroft declined to answer "in absence of the boss."

SIBERIAN IN DIRE NEED

Conditions Pitiable, With People in Actual Want, Report.

TOKIO, May 9.—Conditions in the interior of Siberia are pitiable with practically all the people in dire need of clothing, food and medicine, according to D. O. Lively, formerly of the American Red Cross, who has arrived in Tokio from Vladivostok.

He said there were many persons in Siberia who had not had new clothing or adequate clothing for six years.

D. O. Lively is a former Portland man. For many years he was associated with the Portland Union Stock yards company and during the world-war fair at San Francisco represented Oregon in an official capacity.

TORNADO FELS RESORT

Two at La Porte, Tex., Hurt and Property Damage Is Large.

HOUSTON, Tex., May 9.—A tornado which was reported to have swept up from the coast and moved eastward struck La Porte, near here, tonight, seriously injuring two persons, wiping out a summer resort near La Porte and causing property damage of thousands of dollars.

All wires were down.

STRIKE SESSIONS CLOSE IN FAILURE

Benson Firm on Marine Wage Reduction.

PLANS FOR PACT FALL FLAT

New System Stated to Reward Efficient Workers.

OUTLOOK MORE HOPEFUL

Officers and Men Return to Jobs in Increasing Numbers and Sailings Are Nearly Normal.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Conferees Secretary Davis has been holding in an effort to settle the marine workers' wage dispute were discontinued today after Chairman Benson of the shipping board had reiterated his stand for a 15 per cent wage reduction.

Representatives of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association announced they would leave Washington to attend to other matters and Secretary Davis said he had arranged for no further conferences. Should the situation change, however, it is understood that the secretary will attempt to bring the several parties together.

Efforts Are Futile.

W. S. Brown, president of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association, said his committee had made the best proposition possible to the shipping board and the shipowners through Secretary Davis and that no further concessions would be made. The proposals, based upon the vote at all ports yesterday, were submitted in the afternoon. A conference had been held earlier between the joint committee representing the marine engineers' association and Secretary Davis. The latter communicated with Chairman Benson by telephone and later announced that, as efforts had proved unavailing, the conferences would be discontinued until there was indication the resumption would be warranted.

Benson Firm on Reduction.

Chairman Benson said he stood firmly for the 15 per cent wage reduction and, regardless of whether an agreement were reached, he intended to put into effect on shipping board vessels some system which would enable men showing efficiency to get the benefit of the resulting savings in the form of extra compensation.

Reports today, the chairman said, showed that the outlook was hopeful and that an increasing number of officers and men were volunteering to return to work. Sailings were nearly normal, he added.

1 SHOT, 6 BEATEN IN RIOT

Crowd Breaks Through Police Guard and Boards Ship.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—One man, a bystander, was shot and killed in a riot here today in water-front, rioting arising from the marine workers' strike.

The trouble began when a crowd estimated at 200 broke through a police guard and boarded the shipping board steamer Bakersfield. Three of the ship's crew were beaten badly. The crowd dispersed upon learning that police reserves had been summoned.

Later Thomas Colleen, a chauffeur for the Matson Navigation company, was attacked by a crowd of men, who declared Colleen's passengers were non-union men on their way to ships. Colleen fired his revolver twice. One shot struck Frank Wilson, who was sitting in a barber shop having his hair cut. The other shot perforated the trousers of a man who was standing on the curb.

Colleen was arrested on the charge of discharging firearms.

The Pacific-American Steamship association, composed of steamer owners, said they had obtained affidavits from two members of the Bakersfield crew that previous to today they had been followed and beaten by men who said they were union pickets. The association also announced that its members had decided to lay their vessels up pending a settlement of the differences.

Only one American steamer cleared from here today. It was the West Inlet, for Philadelphia. Her crew had been signed prior to May 1, under the former wage scale and conditions, it was announced.

MOTORCYCLE RACE FATAL

Veteran Rider Dead as Result of Track Mishap.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., May 9.—Raymond A. Phebus, 32, veteran motorcycle rider, died at noon today as a result of injuries received Sunday afternoon in the Cripple Creek endurance run when his motorcycle catapulted him and his partner, F. W. Longstaff, into a fence near Crystal, in the Ute Pass.

Longstaff suffered a broken right arm and left leg, but his condition is not serious.

IDLE MEN DECREASE RAPIDLY IN OREGON

REDUCTION IS 12,000 TO 7000 SINCE JANUARY.

Labor Commission Predicts Road Work and Berry Harvest Will Absorb 2000 by May 31.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—There are approximately 7000 idle men in Oregon at the present time, as compared with 12,000 last January, according to a report prepared here today by C. P. Gram, state labor commissioner, for transmission to the federal labor bureau at Washington, D. C. Of the number of idle men now in the state Mr. Gram estimated that 4500 were in Portland.

Based on the decrease of 10 per cent in the number of unemployed men in Oregon since March 1, the date of making the previous report to the government, Mr. Gram today predicted that the total number of men out of work on May 31 would not exceed 5000. This improvement in the labor situation, he said, would be made possible by the resuming of road work in various sections of the state.

The approaching harvest of small fruits and berries also will have a tendency to take care of idle men, Mr. Gram said. While there is no way to estimate the crops for the present year, Mr. Gram said that under normal agricultural conditions practically all of the men at present unemployed would have jobs early in July. This, he said, was conditional, however, upon the workers accepting work on the farms and in the berry fields if they are unable to get work in their accepted professions.

Mr. Gram's report to the government showed that the average wage now being paid men on farms is \$40, while a year ago the same men were receiving as high as \$75. Despite this reduction in wages, he said, the demand for farm labor was far less than it was a year ago.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 9.—Warm weather had materially lessened distress incident to unemployment, according to a report made public here today by W. C. Carpenter, federal employment agent for the Pacific northwest. He said that 25,000 men in the state of Washington still are idle.

Employment conditions in Washington and Idaho have shown a slight improvement during the past week, the report states, with a slight increase in the demand for agricultural labor.

SAVANTS HELD, BOLSHIEV

Professors Who Teach Red Doctrine Honeycombed Colleges.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The report of the joint legislative committee investigating seditious activities was made public today.

The authors concluded that revolutionary radicals had sought to further their aims through personal propaganda, directing their efforts chiefly toward college students, negroes and union labor.

American colleges, it was charged, were honeycombed with avowed socialist professors, whose teachings are bolshevik.

The report said that "union labor is being increasingly impregnated with radical doctrines."

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EVIDENCE IS CRITICISED

Conviction Declared Possible if Competent Evidence Is Produced in Second Trial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The case of Henry Albers, a German convicted in Portland, Or., of having violated the espionage act, has not been closed through the recent confession of error entered in the supreme court by the government, Solicitor-General Frierson declared in a statement today, but has been merely rem